

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF TSUNAMI AFFECTED WIDOWS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has rehabilitated all the widows affected by the Tsunami in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details and effective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the names of Government and non Government organizations engaged in the service of the widows affected by the Tsunami by extending their cooperation sincerely; and
- (d) the total amount granted by the Government for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir. As informed by the States most widows has been rehabilitated.
- (b) The steps taken by the Government include ex-gratia payment, compensation, free ration, cloths, household items, free education to their children, pension, vocational training and support for income generating activities.
- (c) The Central Government and State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Pondicherry, Andaman and Nicobar along with non governmental organization like Prayas, Indian Council for Child Welfare and Butterflies were engaged in the service of widows.
- (d) Rupees 724.22 lakhs has been utilized by these states for rehabilitation of widows.